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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJ: YAMANI INFORMS JAPANESE OF 14-15 PERCENT CUT UNLESS

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SUMMARY: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HAS APPROACHED MINPET YAMANI WHO CONFIRMED JAPAN NOT ON LIST OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHO WILL BE FAVORED BY SAUDIS IN SELECTIVE OIL EMBARGO/CUTBACK. YAMANI INDICATED JAPAN MIGHT ESCAPE 14-15 PERCENT CUT IN SHIPMENTS ONLY IF TOKYO TAKES ONE OF SEVERAL ACTIONS: CUTTING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, WITHDRAWING JAPANESE INDUSTRIES ACTIVE IN THAT COUNTRY, SELLING SOME WEAPONS TO ANY OF THE ARAB STATES, OR BECOMING DIPLOMATICALLY ACTIVE IN LOBBYING WITH U.S. ON BEHALF OF WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
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PEACE SETTLEMENT. JAPANESE FEEL NONE OF ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN BY TOKYO, BUT HIGH-LEVEL REP MIGHT BE SENT TO DISSUADE FAISAL FROM PARTIAL EMBARGO. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE HAVE INFORMED US OF OCTOBER 23 CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON MINPET YAMANI, FIRST SINCE WAR BEGAN, WHICH COVERED SUBJECT OF WHAT 10-PERCENT CUT MIGHT MEAN TO JAPANESE OIL IMPORTS FROM KINGDOM. YAMANI REVEALED THAT SOME COUNTRIES WERE BEING PREFERRED IN THIS CUTBACK, INCLUDING ARAB STATES, SOME ISLAMIC STATES, SIMIN, FRANCE ATQHECFPS UNITED KINGDOM. JAPAN HAD NOT MADE LIST AND THIS MEANT THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO SHARE REMAINING LEVEL OF OIL EXPORTS AFTER OLD LEVELS OF EXPORT TO FAVORED NATIONS MET. THIS WOULD MEAN AN ESTIMATED 14-15 PERCENT REDUCTDN IN SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN, WHICH EMBASSY ADMITTED MUST SHOCK TOKYO.

2. YAMANI SAID THAT JAPAN COULD AVOID THIS IF SHE WOULD TAKE SOME FRIENDLY STEPS TOWARDS ARABS, SUCH AS CUTTING OFF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL UNTIL IT WITHDREW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ENDING SHIPMENTS OF IMPORTANT ITEMS TO ISRAEL AND INVOLVEMENT OF SOME KEY JAPANESE INDUSTRIES IN THAT COUNTRY, OR PERHAPS SHIPMENT OF SOME WAR MUNITIONS TO ARAB STATES. HE MENTIONED LAST WITH SMILE SINCE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HAD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MADE IT CLEAR THAT JAPAN COULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHIP ANY MUNITIONS TO WARRING COUNTRIES.

3. YAMANI ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE UNDERTAKING QUOTE KISSINGER-LIKE ACTIVITY WITH U.S. UNQUOTE ON SUBJECT OF SETTLING ME CONFLICTG WITH WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. ONLY IF JAPAN WERE TO SHOW INTENSE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WITH U.S. COULD THIS METHOD OF AVOIDING CUTBACKS SUCCEED. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, YAMANI SHOWED CALM SELF-CONFIDENCE.

4. JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE IS OF OPINION THAT NONE O THESE PROPOSALS ARE WITHIN REALM OF POSSIBLE JAPANESE ACTION AND INDICATED THAT TOKYO TO BE ASKED TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO TALK WITH KING FAISAL.
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